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SUBJECT: EC-9 MIDEAST DECLARATION

1. IN COURSE OF MEETING DEVOTED TO OTHER MATTERS WITH
JOBERT'S DIRECTEUR DE CABINET, SERGE BOIDEVAIX, EMBOFF HAD
OCCASION TO EXPRESS PERSONAL REGRET AT THE FAILURE OF THE
EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS AT THEIR MEETING IN COPENHAGEN WITH
STOESSEL TO ACCEPT LANGUAGE (SUCH AS "PARTNERSHP" OR
"INTERDEPENDENCE") EXPRESSING THE SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP THE
US FELT IT HAD WITH EUROPE. BOIDEVAIX GAVE STANDARD FRENCH
REPLY THAT US FAILED TO SEE THAT, FROM EC POINT OF VIEW,
U.S. WAS OMNIPRESENT IN EUROPE AREADY -- IN THE
DEFENSE AREA, IN THE ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL AREA, AND EVEN,
HE SAID POLITICALLY.

2. AS AN EXAMPLE OF U.S. POLITICAL OMNIPRESENCE, BOIDEVAIX
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CITED FRENCH BELIEF THAT THE DUTCH HAD AGREED TO THE EC-9

DECLARATION ON THE MIDDLE EAST ONLY BECAUSE WASHINGTON HAD APPROVED DUTCH ACCEPTANCE OF DECLARATION. FRENCH HAD EXPECTED DUTCH TO RESIST DECLARATION MUCH MORE STRONGLY AND HAD BEEN SURPRISED AT THE RAPIDITY OF DUTCH ACQUIESCENCE. DUTCH, HE SAID, HAD "LET IT BE UNDERSTOOD" THAT THEY HAD CLEARED THIS TEXT WITH THE US. FRENCH WERE OBVIOUSLY PIQUED THAT EC APPARENTLY COULD NOT GET TOGETHER EVEN ON A "POLITICAL" QUESTION SUCH AS THE MIDDLE EAST DECLARATION EXCEPT WHEN WASHINGTON GAVE THE GREEN LIGHT.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION OR DENIAL FROM WASHINGTON ON THIS POINT AS WELL AS GUIDANCE AS TO WHAT FURTHER WE SHOULD SAY TO FRENCH ABOUT IT. BELIEVE IF BOIDEVAIX'S BELIEF IS WRONG WE SHOULD TELL HIM SO, AND COULD MOST EASILY DO SO AT DINNER HE WILL BE ATTENDING AT DCM'S RESIDENCE TUESDAY NOVEMBER 27TH.
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